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Previous References.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. One

Part B for October 1950

SUBJECT

Representation from one A. Vijayendra Raju of Bijapur Reg.- Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund.

No. 105/18/C13/50 16 October 1950.

To The Secretary to Govt of India, Ministry of State, New Delhi.

WD 010861—GPB—25,000—18-9-50

1462/C.B 2435/CB

Govt of India Ministry of States letter no. D 2555-J/50 dt 21-6-50 forwarding a representation from one A. Vijayendra Raja of Mysore re: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund.

1) Instructions of the Chief Secy on it:
"Please write to D.C. to send a report very early" Sd/- K.S. 23-6-50.

~~[illegible]~~

2) A draft reply to the Min of State with the draft instructions to the D.C. Bangalore is put up for approval
sd/-
24.6.50

3) Issue today
sd/-
26/6/50

24.6.50 4718/C.B dt 26-6-50 to the Secy GOI Min of States.
- Copied to the D.C. Bangalore for report.

Letter no. P4-J/50 dt 4-8-50 from the Min of State requesting an early reply in the matter.

4) Instructions of the Chief Secy on it:
"Refer and reply to-day please"
Sd/- K.S. 7-8-50

5) A draft reply to the Min of States to be copied to the D.C. Bangalore for a report by return post is put up for approval.
sd/-
7.8.50

6) For perusal before issue.
sd/-
7/8/50
- Chief Secy)

CHIEF SECRETARY 423/PA 8 AUG 1950 MYSORE

7.8.50 2W7361/CB dt 8-8-50 to the Min of States
- Copied to the D.C. Bangalore for
the necessary report
sd/-
8/8/50.

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Panel Collections

2435/C.B & 2926/C.B

8) A draft d.o. reminder to the D.C. Bangalore is put up for approval.

MB 22.8.50

Please put up fair copy.

KMR 23/8/50

22.8.50.

Fair copy is put up for consideration.

MB 23.8.50

KMR 23/8/50

9) Chief Secy)

23.8.50.

10) KMR 24/8/50.

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CHIEF SECRETARY 23 AUG 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

D.O. No. 8077/C.B dt 22-8-50 to the D.C. Bangalore

file

D.O. No. M6 463/50-51 dt 22-8-50 from the P.A. to the D.C. Bangalore intimating that a report is awaited from the Builders, Chamarajapura.

11) Submitted for perusal. The P.A. to the D.C. has not adhered to the Rules of Correspondence with Govt in his present letter to the Chief Secy which is a reply to his d.o. letter to the D.C. Bangalore The fact that Sri. K.T. Kempanna was on C.L. on the day should have been noted by the P.A. A for order if the report promised in this letter may be awaited.

MB 24-8-50

12) A is for perusal. The attention of the P.A. will be drawn to the Standing orders

28.8.50.

Chief Secy)

KMR 28/8/50

CHIEF SECRETARY 4933 23 AUG 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

13) Yes.

29/8

14) A draft d.o. letter to the D.C. Bangalore is put up for consideration.

MB 1-9-50

CHIEF SECRETARY 5123 1 SEP 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

15) Chief Secy)

KMR 1.9.50

1.9.50.

16) 2/9 KMR 1.9.50.

Serial No.

2926/CB

Dy. No. 8548/CB dy 1-9-50 to the D.C. Bangalore

States Ministry reminder F.4-J/50 dated 4-8-50 regarding Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund collections.

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17) Reply from D.C.B'lore was due. The D.C. may be telephoned to-day.

Assistant Secy.C.B.) 6/9/50

18) Submitted. The D.C. was last reminded on 1-9-50

6.9.50

19) The Dy. Comr., Bangalore was telephoned he said that he is going to Channapatna today and that the final report will be sent very early.

6.9.50

Chief Secy) 6/9/50

6/9/50

Letter No. L Dis MG 463/50-5/ dated 13th Sept. 50 from the Deputy Commr. Bangalore District forwarding the

CHIEF SECRETARY 5-26 8 SEP 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

NOTE—Contr. Sheet.

Serial No.

Report received from the Amildar Channapatna taluk.

1) Letter No. 7-4-J/50 dated 22.25 Sept. 1950 from the Under Secy to the Govt of India enquiring where the further Communication may be expected.

2) The report from the Amildar Channapatna by accompanying the Dy Comm's letter No L Dis-MG-463/50-51 dated 13th Sept 50 is for perusal.

21) It is seen from the report of the Amildar that Sri Ayyasamy the owner of the land has sold the land for a sum of Rs 2500/— to the Committee thro and has executed the sale deed in his own hand on 13-2-48. E

22) It is stated by the Dy Comm B'lore that there was absolutely no threat or intimidation on the part of the purchasers to secure the land as was personally enquired by him. It is also stated that the allegations contained in the petition are without any substance. D

23) It is for orders whether a final reply may be sent to

Serial No.

the Govt of India Ministry of States as stated by the Dy Commr.

26/9. 24) Please put up States Ministry reminder received today with a draft reply for Consideration.

26.9.50. 25) Reminder received from the States Ministry is also put up. A draft reply is also put up for Consideration.

27/9. 26) Please put up a fair draft.

27.9.50. Subs with a fair draft for approval.

27/9. Chief Secy) 28/9/50

27.9.50. For perusal before issue.

Chief Secy) 29/9 28/9/50 29.9.50

Rec'd. 14/10

115/1500 Issued today 16/10/50

Issued No 10 S18/CB 16-10-50

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CHIEF SECRETARY 5988 29 SEP 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Office of the Chief Minister No. 4871 Date of Receipt 29/9

CHIEF SECRETARY 4609 1 OCT 1950 GOVT. OF MYS

NOTE—Contr. Sheet.

1462/CB
Sri MB

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STATES

No.D.2555-J/50. Dated New Delhi, the 21 June, 1950.

From

The Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub:- The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial
Fund collections.

I am directed to forward for favour of comments a copy of letter from one A.Vijayendra Raju of Mysore addressed to the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary
to the Goverment of India.

CHIEF SECRETARY
23 JUN 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

Prem/

A.Vijayendra Raju, L.E.E.,

Krishnarajasagar,
Mysore State,
Dated 23rd May, 1950.

The Deputy Prime Minister.
of India,
New Delhi.

Re:- The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund collections.

Dear Sir,

While appreciating the reply to Seth Ramakrishna Dalmia regarding the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund which was brought to my notice by some of my friends, I have a stranger case to be put before you regarding this collections for considerations.

A bit of land named "ABHAYAKUTEER" at Channapatna Bangalore Dist. Mysore State which is our beloved land and the centre of our Social welfare work has been taken away from my father forcibly for building a Gandhi Memorial Mandir against the wish of all the members of the family under strange circumstances. In spite of all the family members, many other social welfare workers and Organisations in and around Mysore, some of the local newspapers etc. who are well conversant with our social work, which is our family activity for the past two generations, writing and requesting to return back the land, none of the letters have at least been acknowledged. Now that you wish to return back all the ~~fixx~~ gifts that might have been collected for the Funds against the will of the donor, I request you to kindly see that our beloved land is returned back to us which is taken away much against the wish of all the family members and good many social welfare workers and Organisations to free the funds from the tears of the Poor.

I might assure you here that I shall repay all such monies that might have been paid to us if desired with interest there of till now.

Trusting that the land be returned to us early and thanking you for the kind announcement to return back the gifts that are collected against the will of the donors.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- A.V. Raju.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*).

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No. Dy

The Secy. G o I.
Min of States.

Sir,

Subject—

Ref. Ministry of States letter no. D 2555-J/50 dy 21-6-50

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter cited above and to state ~~and~~ that the matter is receiving attention. ~~The Govt of Mysore/~~ ~~the letter~~ from Sri A. Vijayendra Raja will follow soon after ~~the~~ the enquiry instituted in the matter is completed.

yf.

21/6/50
Chief Secy.

Immediate
Memo. no.

Copy together with the Copies of letters. the Ministry of States letter and its enclosure is forwarded w/c to the D.C.

WD 06819—GPB—25,000—26-7-49

Bangalore with a request to forward immediately to Govt a report in the matter.

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24/6/50
A Chief Secy

mds
24.6.50

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 4718/C3

Dated Bangalore.26.6.....1950.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States, New Delhi.

SIR,

Subject: The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Collections.

Ref: Ministry of States letter No.D.2555-J/50 dated 21st June 1950.

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I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter cited above and to state that the matter is receiving attention.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. K.Srinivasan,
Chief Secretary to Government.

LC/2

p.t.o.

IMMEDIATE

Memo No. H719/65 Dated, 26th June 1950.

Copy of together with copies of the Ministry of States letter and its enclosure is forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, with a request to forward immediately to Government a report in the matter.

For Chief Secretary to Government.

LC/-

2435/CB

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STATES

No.F.4-J/50 Dated New Delhi-2, the 4th August, 1950.

From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Sub:- The Mahatma Gandhi
Memorial Fund Collections.

Ref:- Your letter No.4718/C.B.,
dated 26th June 1950.

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Rev Branch
4/7/50

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I am directed to request the favour of an early reply.

7-8-50.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary
to the Government of India.

CHIEF SECRETARY
7 AUG 1950
GOVT. OF MYSORE

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G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*).

GRV.7361/Gs. 9.8.50.

The Secy G.O.I. Min of States.

Sir,

Subject—

Refer. Min. of States letter no. F4-J/50 dy 4-8-50.

I am directed to say that ~~reported by Sri to the Dy. Prime Minister by Sri A Vijayendra~~ the matter Rajpramukh is still under investigation and a ~~reply~~ final reply in the matter will be sent as early as possible.

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11/8

Jemsr 7/8/50 Chiefsecy.

Top Priority

Copy forwarded to the D.C. Bangalore to Govt with a request to forward the report called for in G.O. memo no 4719/CB dy 26-6-50 by return of post.

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Jemsr 7/8/50 Chiefsecy

WD 06819—GPB—25,000—26-7-49

7-8-50

7.8.50.

GOVERNMENT OF ~~HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA~~ OF MYSORE.

No. 7361/CB.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore. 8th August 1950.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of ~~His Highness the Maharaja~~ of Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States, New Delhi.

SIR,

Subject:- The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Collections.

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Reference:- Ministry of States letter No. F4-J/50 dated 4th August 1950.

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I am directed to say that the matter is still under investigation and a reply ~~to the matter~~ will be sent as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) K.SRINIVASAN.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo. no. 7362/CB.

TOP PRIORITY.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, with a request to forward to Government the report called for in this office memo

memo No. 4719/CB dated 26th June 1950 by return of post.

8/8/50

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.]

GENERAL AND REVENUE.

SECRETARIAT.

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

D.O. No. 8077/CB. Date 24-8-50.

Immediate

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to this office memo nos. 4719/C.B dy 26-6-1950 and 7362/C.B dy 8-8-50 requesting a report on a petition from one Sri A. Vijayendra Raju to the Dy. Prime Minister of India alleging that a bit of land at Channapatna has been appropriated by the trustees of the Gandhi Memorial Fund for building a Gandhi Memorial Mandir against the wishes of the near members of the donor's family and to request you kindly to forward to Govt the immediate report on the matter called for by return.

Yours

WD 06072—GPB—25,000—21-6-49

Sri B.T. Kempanna, B.A. LL.B
Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore

SRI L. SRINIVASAN, B.Sc.,
D.O.
xxxx
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 8077/C3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

Dated Bangalore, August 23, 1950.
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IMMEDIATE.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to this office memo Nos. 4719/C.B. dated 26th June 1950 and 7362/C.B. dated 8th August 1950 requesting a report on a petition from one Sri A.Vijayendra Raju to the Deputy Prime Minister of India alleging that a bit of land at Channapatna has been appropriated by the trustees of the Gandhi Memorial Fund for building a Gandhi Memorial Mandir against the wishes of the members of the donor's family and to request you kindly to forward to Government the report called for by return.

Yours sincerely,

Sri B.T. Kempanna, B.A.,LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Bangalore.

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SM MB

Jacob. M.A.Abdul Rahim,B.A.,
P.A. to the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

Bangalore,
Dated, 24th August 1950.

C. 463/50-51.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.8077/C.B. dated 21-8-50 calling for a report on the petition of Sri.A.Vijayendra Raj, to the Deputy Prime Minister of India regarding the Amildar Channapatna, I write to state that the Amildar, Channapatna Taluk has this day been again reminded to submit a detailed report by return of post. On receipt of the same, a final reply will be furnished.

Yours sincerely,

Rvp/2/-

Sri.K.Srinivasan,B.Sc.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
in Mysore, BANGALORE.

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Collections—
Petition dt from Sri J. A. Vijayanadha Rajan to
the Hy. Prime Minister of India.

Section

File No.

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to Immediate

Do

No. 8545/ea. 19.1.9.50

To ~~The A.C.~~.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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I am desired to invite
reference to the d.o. letter
no. M6.463/50-51 dt 24-8-50
from ~~Hallegaon~~ Jawahr. P.M.
Abdul Rahim, P.A. your P.A
on the subject noted above
and to request that he may
kindly be advised to ~~be~~
adhere to the rules of
correspondence with Govt
prescribed in article 114 of
the Manual of General Circulars
and Standing orders Part I.

It may be intimated

Date of issue.....

Signed by.....

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

WD 06818—GPB—25,000—9-7-49

by return when the
report called for may be
expected to be forwarded to
Govt.

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Sri B.T. Krishnamurthy B.A., LL.B.,
D.C. Bangalore

1.9.50

1.9.50.

D.O.No. 8545/ES

1st September 1950.

IMMEDIATE.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Collections - petition from Sri A.A.Vijayendra Raju to the Deputy Prime Minister of India.

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I am desired to invite reference to the D.O. letter No.M.6.463/50-51 dated 24th August 1950 from Janab F.M.Abdul Rahim, your Personal Assistant on the subject noted above and to request that he may kindly be advised to adhere to the rules of correspondence with Government prescribed in Article 114 of the Manual of General Circulars and Standing Orders Part I.

It may be intimated by return when the report called for may be expected to be forwarded to Government.

Yours sincerely,

Sri.B.T.Kempanna,B.A.,LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

3335/CB
M/B

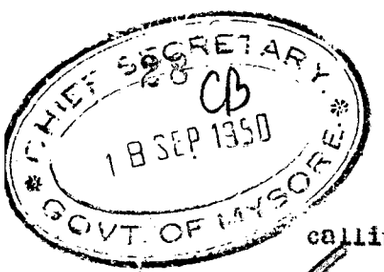
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

No.L.Dis.M6.463/50-51. Dated, Bangalore the 13th September 1950.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY to Government
Bangalore.

Sir,



Subject : The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hall at Channapatna.

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With reference to your letter No.4719/C.B. dated 26.6.1950 calling for a report on the letter addressed by Sri A.Vijayendra Raju L.E.E. to the Deputy Prime Minister of India, New Delhi I have the honour to forward herewith a report received from the Amildar, Channapatna taluk which is self explanatory.

It is seen there from that the owner of the land Sri A.Arya Murthy Superintendent Government Industrial School, Doddaballapur and the father of the present petitioner has himself sold the land for a sum of Rs.2500/- to the Committee and has executed the sale deed in his own hand on 13.2.1948.

As could been seen from the Amildar's letter and also from the enquiries personally made by me, there was absolutely no threat or intimidation on the part of the purchasers to secure the land.

In the above circumstances the allegations contained in the petition are without any substance.

Enclosures accompany.

Yours faithfully,

for DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
& BANGALORE DISTRICT.

VKC

No. P.R.8/48-49

Encl: 8 Papers.

Office of the Amildar,
Channapatna Taluk, Channapatna
Dated 29th Aug.1950.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
B A N G A L O R E.

SUBJECT: Purchase of a Site for Construction of a Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hall at C H A N N A P A T N A.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No.M6-463/50-51 dated the 9th instant, forwarding for report copy of a letter from one Sri Vijayendra Raju to the Deputy Prime Minister of India on the above subject, I beg to state that the author of the letter is the son of Sri A.Aryamurthy, Superintendent of the Industrial School at Dodballapur. He refers to the sale of a Site opposite to the Central Police Station--to the South-East of Sri Anne Gowda Circle by his father to a local Committee of non-official gentlemen for the purpose of erecting a Memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. The history of the case is as detailed below.

2) Sri Aryamurthy was draughtsman of the Industrial School in Channapatna some years ago. While he was here, he purchased the land in question, which was the Revenue land for a small consideration, namely Rs.140/-, enclosed it with a compound wall, sunk a well in it, and put up two small thatched huts in which he was living with his family. When Mahatmaji visited Channapatna in the year 1934 in the course of his Harijan Uplift tour, a local Committee of Hosts was formed who arranged to put him up in these premises for a few hours. Mahatmaji accordingly stayed and had his midday meal there.

3) Subsequently, the Dewan of Mysore and other high Officers of the State, who were frequently passing on the adjacent State Road on their way from Bangalore to Mysore and back, observed

that the Site in question which was in a prominent place would not add to the beauty of the surroundings if private residence in a thatched hut was allowed therein and that a suitable structure in keeping with the Police Buildings should be constructed. The Government planned to acquire the Site for a Public building. But owing to the intercession of some leading citizens, who were anxious to preserve the Site ultimately for the construction of some building dedicated to any of the causes which Mahatmaji held so dear, these proposals were dropped. In dropping them, however, Government appear to have directed that the Site should be used only for a Public building, not a Private dwelling house.

Immediately after Mahatmaji's sad demise in January 1948 these very gentlemen who had interceded with Government to drop acquisition proposals, gathered together and decided to erect a suitable memorial Hall in the Town in commemoration of his stay here. The Hall was intended to be used to hold Prayer-meetings, Geeta and spinning Classes and as a Centre for Harijan uplift and other Social activities. It struck them at ~~the same time~~ once that the most appropriate Site for Construction of such a building would be Sri S. Aryamurthy's Site, which had been consecrated with Mahatmaji's personal association. They accordingly contacted Sri Aryamurthy and asked him if he would be willing to part with the Site in their favour for the purpose. At first he demurred to the proposal on the plea that he wished to establish an Ashrama there himself. But he seems to have later realised that the construction of a building as proposed would be quite a ~~land~~ laudable idea, and offered to part with half the Site for the purpose and asked to be allowed to have a dwelling house for use as a residence for his family in the other half. It was then pointed out to him that not only would half the Site be insufficient for the Hall, but that it would be awkward to have a private dwelling house adjoining it. He then offered to part with the Site if another Site of equal dimensions was secured

for him in Channapatna and given to him after putting up a Compound Wall and sinking a well. The Committee agreed to this, but later on the same day Sri Aryamurthy revised his own decision and preferred to make an outright sale, apparently because he had (and still has) another house in a decent locality in Channapatna. The Committee agreed and offered a price of Rs.2,000/- This was considered fair, but Mr.Aryamurthy wanted a price of Rs.2,500/- to be paid. The Committee who were eager to secure the Site agreed to this. Sri Aryamurthy then wrote out a Sale Deed in his own hand, and had it registered. This was on the 13th Feb.48. He was paid the price of the Site in two cheques. The cheques were cashed after two or three weeks.

The Site is now in the possession of the Committee. The Foundation Stone of the Memorial Building was laid by the Hon'ble the Chief Minister of Mysore in April 1950 and action is being taken to construct the building.

6 The author of the letter, who as stated already is Sri Aryamurthy's son, says that the Site in question was forcibly taken away from the family. From this history of the transactions briefly recited above, it will be seen that there was no vestige of any " force " at any stage of the transactions. The Committee which negotiated with Sri Aryamurthi was composed of prominent non-official gentlemen of the Town who were not in a position to offer any sort of threat or coercion to him, except the offer of an attractive price or other legitimate terms. Some of them were instrumental in preserving the Site from Governmental acquisition as stated above. Sri Aryamurthy was past middle age when the transaction took place, and he was a man of rich practical experience and commonsense--not likely to be intimidated or coerced. In fact, after considering every aspect, Sri Aryamurthy wrote to the President of the Committee on the 13th Feb.1950 expressing thanks at being given an opportunity to be associated with this worthy cause. (A copy of

Submitted.
The letter is with the President of the Committee, Sri V. Venkatappa. A copy will be submitted after obtaining it from him.
Rao

of the letter is enclosed herewith) A fair price has been paid, the Vendar has written out the transfer deed in his own hand, and he has encashed cheques given to him to cover the cost of the Site and utilized the money. This has therefore been an open transaction between an individual and a non-official Committee, and has no analogy whatsoever with the instances which Seth Ramakrishna Dalmia appears to have had in mind when he made insinuations against the motives with which contributions were made to the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Committee in the present instance is a purely local Committee, having nothing to do with the officially sponsored "Mysore State Gandhi Memorial Fund". The entire plan for the Gandhi Memorial and purchase of the Site for the purpose orginated long before the All India Memorial Scheme. The allegation of force has therefore no point.

Another point which the letter mentions is that the Site in question was the Centre of their "Social Welfare Work". The Site was used to put up thatched huts for dwelling purposes, and actually no Social Service was being done. The adult members of the family were all whole-time employees of Govt. They had no programme of Social or any Service, nor were they associated with any Social Service Organization. It appears to be only from a sense of vanity that they have described their household activities of a routine nature as "Social Service". Real Service is never vociferous.

I may add in this connection that Sri Aryamurthy is actively in Service now being Superintendent of the Industrial School at Dodballapur. It is not clear whether in writing the letter in question his son consulted him or took his permission. The son also ascertained to be in Govt. Service, being Sub Overseer in Krishnaraja-Sagar.

The Connected papers are herewith resubmitted.

Yours obediently,
Rao Sahib
AMILDAR
CHANNAPATNA TALUK.

P.S.
I enclose for personal copy of a letter & press statement issued by Sri Venkatappa in June 1948 answering the same points.
Rao

Janab. F.M.Abdul Rahim,B.A.,
P.A. to the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

Bangalore,
Dated, 24th August 1950.

M6. 463/50-51.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O.letter No.8077/C.B. dated 24-8-50 calling for a report on the petition of Sri.A.Vijayendra Raju, to the Deputy Prime Minister of India regarding the land at Channapatna, I write to state that the Amildar, Channapatna Tal has this day been again reminded to submit a detailed report by return of post. On receipt of the same, a final reply will be furnished.

OFFICE OF THE AMILDAR
GL.NO. P
DATE 28-8-50
CHANNAPATNA TALUK

Yours sincerely,
Sd. F.M.Abdul Rahim.

Sri.K.Srinivasan,B.Sc.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
in Mysore, BANGALORE.

Copy to the Amildar, Channapatna Taluk in continuation of reference to my D.O. of even no. dated 5-8-50, and 14-8-50. A report is due from you may be expected by return of post without fail as a reply is overdue to Central Government. Any further delay should be avoided.

For Deputy Commissioner.

ಅಖಿಲ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕವಿಗಳು

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಂಜನೇಯ ಶರ್ಮ ಕವಿಯವರ ವಿಚಾರ

ಪ್ರಿಯ ಬಂಧುಗಳೆ,-

ಕಳೆದ ತಿಂಗಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ 17-6-48ರಂದು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ಕವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೆವು. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಆಂಜನೇಯ ಶರ್ಮ ಕವಿಯವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಗಾಂಧೀಜಿಯವರ ಸ್ಮಾರಕನಿಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಂದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆವು. ಆದರೆ ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಅವರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಉತ್ತರವೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಜ್ಞಾಪನ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೆವು. ಆದರೂ ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಅವರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಉತ್ತರವೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಈ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ತಿಳಿಯದಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿರಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮಾಡದಿರಲಿ ಅವರ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಂದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೋರಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಂದ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಖಜಾನೆಯ ವಿಳಾಸವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸ

ಬಂದು ಇಲಾಖೆಸ್ಥರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯುವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಯೋಜನೆಯು ಫಲಪ್ರದವಾಗಲು. ಸಂಘದವರು ಬೆಳೆ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಬಳಸುವ ಕೀಟನಾಶಕಗಳನ್ನು ಎಂಬಲಿಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆದು ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಬಿಂದುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಳಸುವ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮರುಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡುವವರು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕ್ರೋಢೀಕರಿಸಿ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಳ್ಳುವವರು ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ತೂಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೋಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಲು ಸಂಘದವರು ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್‌ಗಳ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಸಂಘದ ಖಾತೆಗೆ ಜಮಾ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಳಸಲು ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

ಹಿಂದೆ 1934ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮದ್ದೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಾಂಧಿಯವರು ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆಂದು ನೀಡಿದ್ದ ಕರೆಯಂತೆ ಹರಿಜನರಿಗೆ ಸಂಘಟಿಸಿದ್ದ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಸಮಾವೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಗಾಂಧೀಜಿಯವರು ಆಗಮಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಆಗ ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷ ಜನರು ಸೇರಿದ್ದರು. ಆಗ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹರಿಜನರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತ

ಹೋಳಿಹೊಸೂರು ಅಕ್ಷೌಹಿಣಿ ಆಗುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು. ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ಯುದ್ಧಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯಂದು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಕಡೆಯ ತಂಡವು ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಆಯುಧಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೂಜೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಮರುದಿನ ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ಪುನರಾರಂಭಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಯುದ್ಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನವೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಿಲ್ಲಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯವು ಮೊದಲು ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿತು. ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಸಂಜೆಯ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದ ಸೇನಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳಾದ ಸಿಂಹಾಸನಪ್ಪ, ಅಥವಾ ಜಾಗಟೆಯಪ್ಪ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆಯ ಸೈನ್ಯದ ಸೇನಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳಾದ ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಮಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಇವರುಗಳು ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲು ಸಿದ್ಧತೆ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದ ಸೇನಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳು ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಸಹ ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆ ನಡೆಸಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿದರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದು ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದವರೇ ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವು ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಡಿಬಂದಿತು. ಇದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಯುದ್ಧವನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಅಪವಾದವು ಬಂದಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಸೈನ್ಯದವರೇ ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವು ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಡಿಬಂದಿತು. ಆದರೆ ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಅಪವಾದವು ಬಂದಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದು ಹೊಸೂರು ಸೈನ್ಯದವರೇ ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವು ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಡಿಬಂದಿತು. ಆದರೆ ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ ಸೈನ್ಯದವರು ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯನ್ನು ಆಚರಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಅಪವಾದವು ಬಂದಿತು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆಯುಧಪೂಜೆಯ ದಿನ ಸಂಜೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಯುದ್ಧ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಿಕೆರೆ

ఆనేకరు ఆలీక్రిష్ణారావుగారిపై ఏవో కొన్ని ఆరోపణలు చేస్తూ ఆయనను ఆయన ఆలోచనలను తప్పుపట్టడానికి ప్రయత్నించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన ఆనుచరులు ఆయనకు ఆండగా నిలబడ్డారు. ఆయన ఆలోచనలను ఆయన ఆచరణను ఆయన ఆనుచరులు ఆయన ఆభిమాన

No. 10518/52 — 16.10.52

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To

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of States, New Delhi.

Sir,

Subject: The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund Collections.

Ref: Correspondence resting with Ministry of States letter No.F.4-J/50 dated 22nd September 1950.

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I am directed to state that the matter has been personally investigated by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and that ~~the author of the letter addressed to the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister is the son of Sri.A.Aryamurthy, Superintendent, of the Industrial School at Doddaballapur, Bangalore District and~~ the following is a brief history of the case:- father of Sri A. Vijayendra Raju,

~~Sri.~~Aryamurthy was draughtsman of the Industrial School in Channapatna some years ago. While he was ~~here~~ there, he purchased the land in question, which was ~~the~~ Revenue land for a small consideration, namely Rs.140/-, enclosed it with a compound wall, sunk a well in it, and put up two small thatched huts in which he was living with his family. When Mahatmaji visited Channapatna in the year 1934 in the course of his Harijan Uplift tour, a local Committee of Hosts was formed who arranged to put him up in these premises for a few hours. Mahatmaji accordingly stayed and had his midday meal there.

Subsequently, the Dewan of Mysore and other high officers of the State, who were frequently passing on the adjacent State Road on their way from Bangalore to Mysore and back, observed that the site in question which was in a prominent place would not add to the beauty of the surroundings if private residence in a thatched hut was allowed therein and that a suita-

suitable structure in keeping with the Police Buildings thereon should be constructed. The Government planned to acquire the Site for a public building. But owing to the intercession of some leading citiziens, who were anxious to preserve the site ultimately for the construction of some building dedicated to any of the causes which Mahatmaji held so dear, these proposals were dropped. In dropping them, however, Government ~~appear to have~~ directed that the site should be used only for a public building, not a private dwelling house.

Immediately after Mahatmaji's sad demise in January 1948 the very gentlemen who had interceded with Government to drop acquisition proposals, gathered together and decided to erect a suitable memorial Hall in the Town in commemoration of his stay there. The Hall was intended to be used to hold Prayer-meetings, Geeta and spinning Classes and as a Centre for Harijan uplift and other Social activities. It struck them at once that the most appropriate site for construction of such a building would be Sri Aryamurthy's Site, which had been consecrated with Mahatmaji's personal association. They accordingly contacted Sri Aryamurthy and asked him if he would be willing to part with the site in their favour for the purpose. At first he demurred to the proposal on the plea that he wished to establish an Ashrama there himself. But he seems to have later realised that the construction of a building as proposed would be quite a laudable idea, and offered to part with half the site for the purpose and asked to be allowed to have a dwelling house for use as a residence for his family in the other half. It was then pointed out to him that, not only would half the site be insufficient for the Hall, but that it would be awkward to have a private dwelling house adjoining it.

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~~He then offered~~ to part with the site if another site of equal dimensions was secured for him in Channapatna and given to him after putting up a compound wall and sinking a well. The Committee agreed to this, but later on, the same day Sri.Aryamurthy, revised his own ~~decision~~ and preferred to make an outright sale, apparently because he had (and still has) another house in a decent locality in Channapatna. The Committee agreed and offered a price of Rs.2,000/-. This was considered fair, but Sri.Aryamurthy wanted a price of Rs.2,500/- to be paid. The Committee who were eager to secure the site agreed to this. Sri.Aryamurthy then wrote out a sale deed in his own hand, and had it registered. This was on the 13th February 1948. He was paid the price of the site in two cheques. The cheques were cashed after two or three weeks.

The site is now in the possession of the Committee. The Foundation Stone of the Memorial Building was laid by the Hon'ble the Chief Minister of Mysore in April 1950 and action is being taken to construct the building.

The following comments are offered:-

"The author of the letter, who as stated [redacted] is Sri.Aryamurthy's son, says that the site in question was "forcibly" taken away from the family. From the history of the transactions briefly recited above, it will be seen that there was no ~~vestige of any~~ "force" of any kind at any stage of the transactions. The Committee which negotiated with Sri.Aryamurthi was composed of prominent non-official gentlemen of the Town who ~~were not in a position~~ could not be expected to offer [redacted] threat or coercion [redacted], except the ~~officer~~ offer of an attractive price or other legitimate terms. Some of them were ~~fi~~ instrumental in

preserving the site from Governmental acquisition as stated above. Sri.Aryamurthy was past middle age when the transaction took place, and he was a man of rich practical experience and commonsense not likely to be intimidated or coerced. In fact, after considering every aspect, Sri.Aryamurthy wrote to the President of the Committee on the 13th February 1950 expressing thanks at being given an opportunity to be associated with this worthy cause. ~~(A copy of the letter is enclosed herewith)~~. A fair price has been paid, the Vendor has written out the transfer deed in his own hand, and he has encashed cheques given to him to cover the cost of the site and utilised the money. This has therefore been an open transaction between an individual and a non-official Committee, and has no analogy whatsoever with the instances which Seth Ramakrishna Dalmia appears to have had in mind when he made insinuations against the motives with which contributions were made to the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Committee in the present instance is a purely local Committee, having nothing to do with the officially sponsored "Mysore State Gandhi Memorial Fund". The entire plan for the Gandhi Memorial and purchase of the site for the purpose orginated long before the All-India Memorial ~~Fund~~ Scheme. The allegation of force has therefore no point.

Another point which the letter mentions is that the site in question was the Centre of their "Social Welfare Work". The site was used to put up thatched huts for dwelling purposes, and actually no ~~actual~~ social service was ever being done. The adult members of the family were all whole-time employees of Government. They had no programme of social or any service, nor were they associated with any Social Service Organization. It appears to be only from a sense of vanity that they

have described their household activities of a routine nature as "Social Service". Real service is never ~~[illegible]~~ vociferous.

I may add in this connection that Sri.Aryamurthy is actively in service now being Superintendent of the Industrial School at Dodballapur. It is not clear whether in writing the letter in question his son consulted him or took his permission. The son also ascertained to be in Government Service, being Sub Overseer in Krishnarajasagar".

The Government of Mysore are satisfied that the allegations contained in the petition of Sri.Vijayendra Rau are without any substance.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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Subsequently, the Dewan of Mysore and other high officers of the State, who were frequently passing on the adjacent State Road on their way from Bangalore to Mysore and back, observed that the site in question which was in a prominent place would not add to the beauty of the surroundings if private residence in a thatched hut was allowed therein and that a suitable structure in keeping with the Police Buildings should be constructed thereon. The Government planned to acquire

acquire the site for a public building. But owing to the intercession of some leading citizens, who were anxious to preserve the site ultimately for the construction of some building dedicated to any of the causes which Mahatmaji held so dear, these proposals were dropped. In dropping them, however, Government directed that the site should be used only for a public building, not a private dwelling house.

Immediately after Mahatmaji's sad demise in January 1948 the very gentlemen who had interceded with Government to drop acquisition proposals, gathered together and decided to erect a suitable memorial hall in the town in commemoration of his stay there. The Hall was intended to be used to hold Prayer-meetings, Geeta and Spinning Classes and as a Centre for Harijan Uplift and other social activities. It struck them at once that the most appropriate site for construction of such a building would be Sri Aryamurthy's site, which had been consecrated with Mahatmaji's personal association. They accordingly contacted Sri Aryamurthy and asked him if he would be willing to part with the site in their favour for the purpose. At first he demurred to the proposal on the plea that he wished to establish an Ashrama there himself. But he seems to have later realised that the construction of a building as proposed would be quite a laudable idea, and after some argument agreed to part with the site if another site of equal dimensions was secured for him in Channapatna and given to him after putting up a compound wall and sinking a well. The Committee agreed to this, but later on on the same day Sri Aryamurthy is stated to have revised his own earlier stand, and preferred to make an outright sale, apparently because he had (and still has) another house in a decent locality in Channapatna. The Committee agreed to this and offered a price of Rs.2,000/-. This was considered fair, but Sri Aryamurthy wanted a price of Rs.2,500/- to be paid. The Committee who were eager to secure the site agreed to this. Sri Aryamurthy then wrote out a sale deed in his own hand, and had it registered. This was on the 13th February 1948. He was paid the price of the site in two cheques. The cheques were cashed after two or three weeks.

The site is now in the possession of the Committee. The Foundation Stone of the Memorial Building was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister

of Mysore in April 1950 and action is being taken to construct the building.

The following comments are offered:-

The author of the letter, who as stated is Sri Aryamurthy's son, says that the site in question was "forcibly" taken away from the family. From the history of the transactions briefly recited above, it will be seen that there was no "force" of any kind at any stage of the transaction. The Committee which negotiated with Sri Aryamurthi was composed of prominent non-official gentlemen of the town who could not be expected to offer threat or coercion except the offer of an attractive price or other legitimate terms. Some of them were instrumental in preserving the site from Governmental acquisition as stated above. Sri Aryamurthy was past middle age when the transaction took place, and he was a man of rich practical experience and commonsense not likely to be intimidated or coerced. In fact, after considering every aspect, Sri Aryamurthy wrote to the President of the Committee on the 13th February 1950 expressing thanks at being given an opportunity to be associated with this worthy cause. A fair price has been paid, the Vendor has written out the transfer deed in his own hand, and he has encashed cheques given to him to cover the cost of the site and utilised the money. This has, therefore, been an open transaction between an individual and a non-official Committee, and has no analogy whatsoever with the instances which Seth Ramakrishna Dalmia appears to have had in mind when he made insinuations against the motives with which contributions were made to the Memorial Fund. The Memorial Committee in the present instance is a purely local Committee, having nothing to do with the officially sponsored "Mysore State Gandhi Memorial Fund". The entire plan for the Gandhi Memorial and purchase of the site for the purpose originated long before the All-India Memorial Scheme. The allegation of force has therefore no point.

Another point which the letter mentions is that the site in question was the Centre of their "Social Welfare Work." The site was used to put up thatched huts for dwelling purposes, and - actually no social service was ever being done. The adult members of the family were all wholetime employees of Government. They had no programme of social or any service, nor were they associated with any Social Service Organisation.

The Government of Mysore are satisfied that the allegations contained in the petition of Sri Vijayendra Raju are without any substance.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Government.